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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or
by appointment.

MARRIAGES:

Must be scheduled with the Priest
at least 6 months in advance.

MORNING ROSARY:

8:30 a.m. before Mass.

MONDAYS:

Miraculous Medal Novena following Rosary.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY:

Novena To The Sacred Heart
of Jesus - before 9 a.m. Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through
High School.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, November 22, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 23, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23, 2014

"I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me
drink."

— Matthew 25:35



Mass Intentions Nov. 24 –Nov.30



Monday: Special Intentions

Tuesday: Teresa Ross by Walton Smith

Wednesday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Thursday: Thanksgiving

Friday: Helen Brennan by The Brazzolottos †

Saturday: Bob Wood by Tom Graffo †

Sunday: Deceased Knights of Columbus †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Dianna Markevich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid,
Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Daniel Cen-
tilli, Wilson Fletcher, Hildie Bowman, Matt
Joiner, Pat Roberts, Antoinette Bruno, Richard F.
Marston, Rita Martens*

Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill
and our shut-ins. To add a name, call the
church office; or to add to the Prayer Hot Line
call Sharon Stice at 205-338-0207, or email:

cocoapuff@centurytel.net

Please note that names remain on the
prayer list for 30 days and then are removed
unless the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings

Nov. 24 - Nov. 30

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



All are cordially invited to the Cathedral of Saint Paul

Sunday, November 30, 2014

Join us for a celebration on the First Sunday of Advent commemorating the 121st Anniversary of the dedication of the church (November 30, 1893) and in thanksgiving for the completion of the Cathedral restoration project.

11:00 am Mass and Eucharistic Procession

Most Reverend Joseph S. Marino

Apostolic Nuncio to Malaysia and Timor-Leste and Apostolic Delegate to Brunei Celebrant

Lunch immediately to follow.

Please bring a side and a dessert to share. Turkey and dressing provided by the Cathedral Knights and Altar Sodality.

3:00 pm Sacred Music Recital led by the Choir of the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

4:00 pm Solemn Vespers led by the Monks of Saint Bernard Abbey and the Cathedral Choir.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

In the revised Liturgical Calendar, following the Second Vatican Council this feast day is placed on the last Sunday of the Church year. It sums up and brings together all that the Church has celebrated in the year now coming to a close. Here is the reminder that Jesus Christ is the center and source of all our liturgical celebrations. It is he who gathers up all our prayers and presents them to the Father.

Today we proclaim a central truth, a fundamental belief: Christ stands at the center of history. He is the bearer of our hopes. He is the hinge on which history turns. He is the ultimate measure of what it means to be human. He is the final yardstick of what is good. He is the shepherd-king in the tradition of David.

The first reading from Ezekiel (34: 11-12, 15-17) presents a familiar Biblical image of shepherd and sheep. There is an indictment against the political leaders of Israel. They had shepherded themselves and not the sheep. (Where have we heard that before?). The Lord promises to remove these shepherds. He himself will shepherd them, nurturing, rescuing and healing them.

The passage speaks of a personal, unmediated relationship between God and the people. It is wonderful to reflect on how God takes care of us. We feel protected and safe as the Lord nourishes us. However, this does not give us license to mistreat others. The end of today's reading reminds us that we are evaluated on how we treat each other, especially the weakest among us. The care we receive must be shared with the rest of the community. It is never about me and God, but God, me, and others.

There is a strange and powerful irony in Matthew's Last Judgement (25: 31-46). We can not perform these corporal works of mercy to "earn points" with God. If that is our intent, then we already have our reward (Matthew 6: 1-18). It is when we are not trying to impress God but are responding to human need that we do, in fact, serve God. In this, Matthew is consistent and adamant. Responding to human need has priority over religious acts; attending to and investing ourselves in this life will guide us to eternal life. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!

Thanks and more Thanks: To all who donated food or money to the annual Thanksgiving-Christmas food drive. The sacks of groceries are piled up in the Parish hall as a sign of your great generosity. Many needy families will have a meal because of you. Thanks to Michael and Kitty Gordon and many other volunteers for all the help.

Thanksgiving Day: Lest we forget! Join us for the special Mass at 9:00 am as we give thanks to God for all that is good.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events Nov. 23 - Nov. 30

Sunday—November 23

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE/Fill a Bag ends

*Special Collection: Beacons of Hope

Monday—November 24

Mass 9 am

* Bridge

* Legion of Mary

* KOC Mtg. 7pm

* Ladies Aux. Mtg. 7pm

Tuesday—November 25

Mass 9 am

* NO RCIA 7pm

Wednesday—November 26

Mass 7 pm

Thursday—November 27

Mass 9 am

*Happy Thanksgiving

Friday—November 28

Mass 9 am

* Bible Study 10am

Saturday—November 29

Mass 5 pm

* Confessions 3:30pm-5pm

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday—November 30

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

* No RE

* RCIA Introduction 11:15 am

* Reconciliation 3,4,5,6

* 5th Sunday KOC Mass 8:30 am

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 4841.37	\$ 5481.00
	 <u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory:	\$ 114,419.97	\$ 104,139.00

Special Collection-Beacons of Hope

Beacons of Hope program was established in 2010 to preserve the vitality of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Birmingham.

The mission of Beacons of Hope is to ensure that all students receive a quality education in a nurturing environment.

Beacons of Hope offers a variety of services which support our schools and help keep them strong. The Diocese of Birmingham needs to continue to do its part in providing the highest quality education possible for those students who attend our Beacon schools.

Beacon of Hope needs your support to provide this important assistance! Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to the Beacons of Hope collection taking place this weekend, November 22-23, 2014.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping the Diocese of Birmingham provide a beacon of hope for some of the neediest children in our system.



Knights of Columbus
Council 12270

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization open to Catholic men, 18 and older, in good standing with the faith. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie: it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your church, while enhancing your family life. Come see what we are all about.

Contact:
James Raynor 205-884-1777) or
J.P. Willi (205-338-3131).
Our website is : www.ollkofc.com.

The Love Pantry



The Love Pantry has requested that we bring cans of soup each week to help meet the needs of our Community.

Total cans last week - 75 cans.

The Legion of Mary



The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of Catholic men and women, who offer their services to their pastor to assist in performing spiritual works in the parish. Meets Mondays following Mass.

Contact: Audrey Springer 205-365-0211

Surfsiders: A Ministry of Fun!



Meets every third Wednesday of the month in the Church hall. Games begin at 10am. Potluck lunch at 11:30.

For more information call:
Larry Martens 256-338-6927.



Pro Life Corner



Our Lady of the Lake
Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 7

Thank you for praying for me.
I am 7 months old now. I am growing every
day. I'm between 14 and 17 inches long
and weigh about 4 ½ pounds. I move
around a lot , but it's getting crowded in here!
Sometimes I even get hiccups!
I can hear and recognize my mother's voice.

Reminder:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion

Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted Baby and the baby's mother and father.



Announcements

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 29th - 5 pm Mass
David & Audrey Springer

Sunday, November 30th
8:30 am Mass - Joe & Ruth Stanley

11:15 am Mass
Brenda & Carl Rochford & Family

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 6th - 5 pm Mass
Mark & Tammy McCrae

Sunday, December 7th
8:30 am Mass - Paul & Anna Emerick & Family

11:15 am Mass
Maria Pedraza & Daughter

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 13th - 5 pm Mass
Bill & Loretta Frost

Sunday, December 14th
8:30 Mass - Bart & Gail Perry & Family

11:15am Mass
Larry & Sara Reese

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20th - 5:00 pm Mass
Bob & Karen Hand

Sunday, December 21st
8:30 Mass - Michael & Teri Gagliano & Family

11:15 am Mass
Gloria Rodgers & children and James Raynor

ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR Nov. 26 - Nov. 30

WEDNESDAY MASS 11/26/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector Charmaine Booker

SATURDAY MASS 11/29/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Peter Boyle, Cory Funderburg
Greeters Janice Stella, Gisela Scruggs
Lectors Larry Reese, Sara Reese
Ministers Jim Dale, Sonia Dale, Karen Hand
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand,
Jerry Noto

First Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY MASS 11/30/2014 8:30 AM Knight's Mass

Altar Servers Michael Emerick, Anthony Emerick,
Danielle McKinney, Carson Faulkner
Greeters Jennifer Euler, Rosemary Mateer,
Jamillia Sayles
Lectors John Stice, Robert Lewis
Ministers Michael Gagliano, Tom Graffo, Marty
Poteracki, David Springer
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl,
Joaquina Reyes, Joe Yester

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Monica Liverman, James Lewis, Troy
Rosato, Will Pittman
Greeters Shirley Skeivelas, Frank Troncalli
Lectors Robert Lewis, Mary Adams
Ministers Deacon, Wayne Adams, Maria Jimenez,
Rochford, John Smith
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Johnny
Armstrong, Jimmy Pittman

**If you cannot keep your assignment
PLEASE find a substitute.**

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Take time for a Holy Pause

Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on Sunday Readings.

Solemnity of Christ the King * November 23, 2014

Theme: Jesus' kingdom is a kingdom of actions and deeds, not merely of words.

Question for Youth: What can you do (alone, with friends, or with your family) to help those who are without food, shelter, or have other needs? When have you seen Jesus in the poor?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Qué puedes hacer (tu solo, con tus amigos o con tu familia) para ayudar a aquellos que no tienen alimento, albergue o que tienen otras necesidades? ¿Cuándo has visto a Jesús reflejado en los pobres?

Question for Adults: As you grapple with this very strong, direct and demanding Gospel passage, name the people for whom you have cared personally – or if there are none, those for whom you will offer care in the coming weeks.

Pregunta para los adultos: Mientras trata de entender y poner en práctica este mensaje fuerte, directo y demandante del Evangelio, mencione algunas de las personas a las que ha cuidado personalmente, si no ha tenido la oportunidad de hacerlo, mencione algunas situaciones en las que podría ofrecerse para cuidar a algunas personas durante las próximas semanas.

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Nov 23 RE/Fill a Bag ends

Reconciliation Gs 3-6

Nov 25 No RCIA Happy Thanksgiving

Nov 27 Thur HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Nov 28 Fri No Bible Study

Nov 30 1st Sunday of Advent No RE

Dec 1 Mon Parent Mtg for all parents of students preparing for First Reconciliation * 7pm

Dec 2 Tues RCIA 7pm

Dec 3 Wed SR YOUTH Mtg 5:30pm

Dec 5 Fri Mass 9am

First Friday Adoration 9:30am-12:30pm

Bible Study 10am Book of Romans

Dec 7 2nd Sunday of Advent * RE9:45am

Shoebbox project begins RE students will be collecting small toiletries and gifts for shut ins and seniors.

LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST Grs PK-Gr2

Christmas Meeting 12:30-2:30pm

Dec 9 Tues RCIA 7pm

YOUTH GROUPS GEARING UP!!

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST *ATTENTION!!

Grs Pre**DECEMBER 7th MEETING 12:30-2:30pm**

Christmas Party!

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444

JR YOUTH K-Gr 2 !!WE WILL MEET!!

Grs 3-6 **NO DECEMBER**

MEETING:

but we need you to make our Christmas Float a success.

All are invited to join us!

DEC 11 * 7pm

Pell City Christmas Parade.

To help and ride on the float

Contact Sonya Lewis 863-7305.



SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 * Meets every 1st & 3rd Wed

Next Mtg: DEC 3 * 5:30pm. Dinner served.

SR Youth are needed to serve on Dec 14

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER* 1pm *

at Celebrations arrive by

12noon to help.

Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435



LAST CALL FOR THE

TURKEY & HAM FUNDRAISER

All proceeds will help fund the

Pro Life WADC trip..

PARENT MEETING

Mon DEC 1 at 7pm

For all parents with students

preparing for the

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Important information, dates and a

“Teaching on Reconciliation”

Remember: Parents are the primary educators of our youth! Please make it a priority to attend!



Give Thanks & Praise HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The Season of Advent begins next week **Nov 30th**. We begin a **New Year** in our church's calendar. It is a season of preparation.

Is your heart prepared to celebrate the coming of our Lord?

Candles and wreaths can be purchased in the hall.

**John Carroll Catholic High School
High School Placement Test
2015-2016**

Attention all 8th grade parents and students interested in John Carroll Catholic High School for the 2015-2016 school year:

The High School Placement Test for John Carroll Catholic High School will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 7:45 am-Noon.

The test will be given on the John Carroll Catholic campus located at 300 Lakeshore Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35209. An online application and \$75 fee must be completed through the John Carroll website, www.jccshs.org (Admissions) by December 3, 2014 to register. Must bring (2) No. 2 pencils—NO calculator permitted.

For questions, please contact the Admissions Office at: admissions@jcchs.org or 205-940-2400 ext. 233.

GO CAVS!

***Celebrando a Nuestra
Señora de Guadalupe***
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
Domingo 14 de diciembre—
Sunday Dec. 14th
8:30 am



Rosario Novenario:
Empieza Jueves
Dec. 4—6:00 pm
Rosary Novena starts
Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm



**Mariachi Amigoz, Procepción, Comida,
Habrá comida después de la Misa**
Refreshments served after Mass
Sign up sheets are in the foyers.
Sign up to prepare food, to
decorate, set up, and clean up
Fiesta will be at Celebrations at 1:00 pm
Fiesta en Celebrations en Highway 231, Pell City



**Attention all Parents of OLL who
gave birth in December 2013
through the end of 2014.**

We would like to recognize your babies at the

4:30pm Christmas Eve Youth Mass

If you would like to participate in the
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contact Parma Boyle

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